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SUBJ: ANNOUNCEMENT OF INDEPENDENCE DAY FLY-BY

1. KENYA MEDIA PLAYED PLANNED INDEPENDENCE DAY FLY-BY BY AIRCRAFT FROM USS GUAM IN STRAIGHTFORWARD MANNER. ONLY DAILY NATION EXPANDED ON BASIC GOK ANNOUNCEMENT. NATION DEVOTED PAGE ARTICLE HEADLINED "U.S. MARINES TO JOIN IN JAMHURI FLY-PAST" TO THE EVENT, NOTING NAMES OF THREE SHIPS AND ADDING THAT GUAM CARRIES 13 AIRCRAFT. ARTICLE ADDED THAT "SHIPS...WILL BE ON A NORMAL CRUISE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN FOR A FEW DAYS FROM DECEMBER 10."

2. ONLY QUERY TO USIS BEYOND NATION WAS AP. POST DID NOT OFFER ANYTHING ADDITIONAL BEYOND NAMES OF SHIPS AND FACT THAT VISIT WAS ROUTINE.

3. USIS NOW INVESTIGATING INTEREST IN PRESS VISIT TO GUAM TO VIEW AIRCRAFT DEPARTURE FOR NAIROBI FLY-BY AND RECOVERY. ANTICIPATE INTEREST WILL BE SUBSTANTIALLY LOWER THAN THE MAXIMUM 20 ORIGINALLY ESTIMATED DUE TO NUMBER OF CORRESPONDENTS WHO WILL BE OUT OF TOWN OVER DECEMBER 12 AND APPARENT SITUATION THAT WOULD PRECLUDE THEM RETURNING NAIROBI UNTIL ALL PLANES RECOVERED.

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